

The Ohio Cannabis Rights Amendment (OCRA) isn't compassionate law, it's BAD law. Consider these points before signing a petition or voting for this change in Ohio's constitutional rights.

Bad for Schools.

OCRA allows children under 18 to be classified as eligible residents with the prior written consent of a parent.

Where will an eligible child "dose" during the school day? Who will hold their dose? What if another child is exposed to marijuana smoke or consumes an edible marijuana product?

Bad for Business.

If use of medical marijuana becomes a right, what constitutes discrimination?

Marijuana is currently the most identified drug in failed drug tests by employers.

If an employee has the legal right to use medicinal marijuana, how does an employer protect the rights of non-using employees and the safety of everyone?

OCRA will make it impossible for employers or public safety officials to prove impairment using any of the known scientific tests. If an employee using medical marijuana causes an accident, is the employer now responsible?

Employer costs to defend a single medical marijuana discrimination lawsuit: \$67,000 - \$107,000, not including any award.

Bad for Ohioans.

The language of the Ohio Cannabis Rights Amendment does NOT include any type of medical professional, a prescription, or any identifying reference, such as an ID card. Dosage would be self-determined.

OCRA creates a new Ohio Commission of Cannabis Control, with six of the initial nine members chosen by the people who wrote the amendment.

OCRA mandates the tax payers will foot the bill to implement this new sector of government and the costs to implement the amendment.

OCRA will make it impossible for employers or public safety officials to prove impairment with current testing.

The OCRA will allow eligible residents to "dose" anywhere it is not illegal to smoke, i.e. their home, the ball field, the park, etc. Children, both their own and yours will be exposed.

We should not smoke our medicine.

We should not vote on our medicine.

Marijuana is still illegal under federal law.

Pro-marijuana advocates would have you believe OCRA is about *compassion*, about controlling the suffering of those with a terminal or chronic health condition.

But the truth is scarier than their fiction.

The Facts:

- OCRA is about getting high. Since the 70s, pro-marijuana groups, like NORML, have advocated the way to get public support for recreational marijuana is to first promote its "medicinal" qualities.
- Less than 5% of medical marijuana users are terminal patients. 95% are males in their 20's and early 30's.
- The tax rate is not defined in OCRA, but data shows the current tax on alcohol only covers 10% of the societal costs associated with its use.
- There are already TWO FDA approved marijuana-based drugs.
- Remember Big Tobacco? Big Tobacco STRONGLY supports marijuana legalization as a way to regain market share and profits.



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